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Making Good
for Steve Choisser

There now lives near a pond
near Benton, Illinois, a frog
spotted green and black and 7.8

feet at the shoulders, locally famous
for calling sheep strange names
and carrying off small ideas.

By necessity a recluse --
interviews are not granted.
Nevertheless, I asked him

if he thought these talents
exceptional. He answered,
"No." I asked him then to what

in life did he attribute his present
success. He said nothing. I asked
him of the recent disappearance

of America's most loved and revered
poet, idol of millions. He
shrugged and dragged me back

to the mouth of the cave, picking
his way over the bones and foolscap, "I"
he lisped, "was not aware

of that fact at the time."